

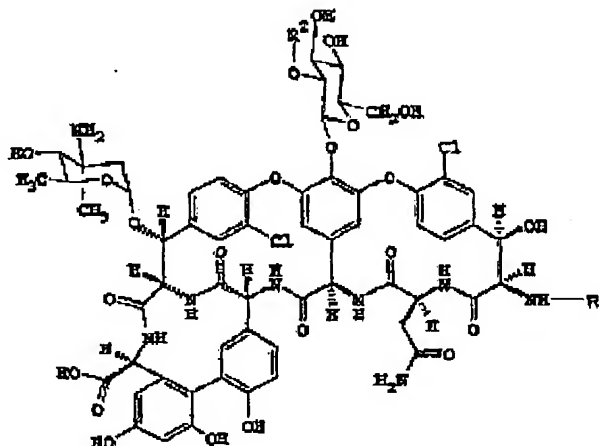
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-6. Cancelled

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a host comprising the step of administering to the host an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents

alkanoyl of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> which is unsubstituted, or which is substituted by a phenyl, or which is substituted on other than the α-carbon atom by an amino or protected amino group; benzoyl or substituted benzoyl bearing one or two substituents each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>, lower alkoxy of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> or phenyl;

an acyl derived from an α-amino acid or an acyl derived from a protected α-amino acid, said α-amino acid being selected from the group consisting of:

alanine,

arginine,

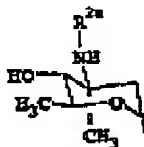
asparagine,

aspartic acid.

cysteine,  
glutamic acid,  
glutamine,  
glycine,  
histidine,  
isoleucine,  
leucine,  
lysine,  
methionine,  
3-phenylalanine,  
3-(p-chlorophenyl)alanine,  
proline,  
serine,  
threonine,  
tryptophan and  
valine,

in either D- or L-form; or

an acyl derived from an  $\alpha$ -amino acid as defined above which bears on the amine a  
substituent which is alkyl of  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ , benzyl, phenylbenzyl, or p-chlorobenzyl, with the proviso  
that the acyl derived from N-methyl-D-leucine is excluded;  
 $R^2$  represents hydrogen or an epivancosaminyl of the formula



wherein  $R^{2a}$  represents hydrogen or  $-CH_2-$   $R^3$  and  $R^3$  represents

hydrogen,  
alkyl of  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ ,  
alkyl of  $C_1$ - $C_{11}$ - $R^4$ , or  
 $R^4$ -(linker<sub>(0 or 1)</sub>- $R^4$ )<sub>0 or 1</sub>,

wherein each  $R^4$  is independently phenyl or phenyl substituted by one or two substituents, each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of  $C_1-C_8$ , lower alkoxy of  $C_1-C_8$ , lower alkylthio of  $C_1-C_4$ , or trifluoromethyl, and "linker" is  $-O-$ ,  $-CH_2-$ , or  $-O-(CH_2)_n-$  wherein  $n$  is 1-3  
~~a formulation of Claim 6.~~

8. (Original) A method of Claim 7 wherein the bacterial infection is attributable to a vancomycin-resistant enterococcus.

9-11. Cancelled

12. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein  $R^2$  is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein  $R^{2a}$  represents hydrogen.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein  $R^2$  is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein  $R^{2a}$  represents  $-CH_2-R_3$ .

14. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein  $R^3$  is p-biphenyl.

15. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein  $R^3$  is p-(chlorophenyl) phenyl.